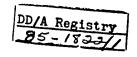
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The Honorable William E. Colby Colby, Bailey, Werner & Associates 2550 M Street, N.W. Suite 405 Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your 10 May 1985 letter alerting us to the availability of the photographic reproduction of the Czarist-era landscape painting "View of Moscow from the Lenin Hills" by Aivazovsky. We have discussed this painting and its availability with several of our Soviet Affairs offices and found that the Agency does not have an interest in acquiring a copy of this painting at this time.

We appreciate you thinking of your former colleagues and it was very nice to hear from you again. Best wishes.

Yours.

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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I send along a copy of the letter which just might interest you. The author is a friend with whom I have become acquainted here. He has arranged some copies of a painting which appears in the Soviet Embassy on 16th Street; a very bad picture of it shows on the xerox attached. He states that it is a quite striking view of the Kremlin in the 1860's and that he has three copies left. It might be rather fun for the division concerned with Soviet affairs to have it or, alternatively, to putilin one of your conference centers down in the country. It isn't cheap, but neither is it expensive. I'm sure that your technical people would want to make sure that it didn't have any implantations that might emanate.

10 May 1985

I merely wanted to call it to your attention. I have no interest in it personally.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

William E. Colby

Enclosure



